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SUBJECT: IRAQ NEIGHBORS CONFERENCE DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO  
THE SARG

REF: A. STATE 28320

[¶](#)B. SATTERFIELD-CORBIN EMAIL OF 03/08/07

Classified By: CDA Michael H. Corbin for reasons 1.5 b/d

[¶](#)1. (C) On March 8, Charge delivered appropriate Syria points from reftel demarche and ref B points to Dr. Amir Smadi, SARG MFA Chief of Protocol (the embassy MFA-designated interlocutor). He gave no substantive reply to the demarche, but promised to communicate the points to his superiors in the MFA.

[¶](#)2. (C) We understand that the Syrian delegation to the March 10 preparatory conference in Baghdad will consist of Mr. Ahmad Arnus, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mrs. Bushra Kanafani, MFA Director of Foreign Media.  
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